

Sub 2
1. (Amended) A leak-proof seal, comprising:
at least two layers of liquid-impermeable material at least partially positioned in overlapping relationship;
a plurality of ultrasonic bond points bonding together the at least two layers of liquid-impermeable material;
wherein the bond points are aligned in at least three parallel rows, each of the bond points in each of the rows equally spaced apart, and the bond points in adjacent rows are offset from one another.

Sub 3
14. (Amended) A combination of a first liquid-impermeable, nonwoven laminate bonded to a second liquid-impermeable material, comprising:
a plurality of ultrasonic bond points joining the first liquid-impermeable, nonwoven laminate to the second liquid-impermeable material;
wherein the bond points are aligned in a pattern including at least three parallel rows, each of the bond points in each of the rows equally spaced apart with the bond points in adjacent rows offset from one another, such that each bond point is within about 0.001 inch to about 0.20 inch of at least one other bond point.

Sub 4
27. (Amended) A bonding process for bonding together two layers of liquid-impermeable material, comprising the steps of:

ultrasonically bonding the two layers together with discrete bond points aligned in at least three parallel rows, each of the bond points in each of the rows equally spaced apart, with the bond points in adjacent rows offset from one another; and

displacing portions of each layer of material, wherein each of the displaced portions is in contact with at least one other displaced portion.

The total number of claims has been reduced by three, and the number of independent claims has not changed. Therefore, no additional claim fee is due at this time.